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**ROMNEY ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES 69 SCHOOLS AT 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARDS**

**BOSTON** – As part of the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day celebrations, members of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Environmental Education joined Environmental Affairs Secretary Ellen Herzfelder today at the State House to recognize schools from across the state that have done an exemplary job promoting environmental education.

Secretary Herzfelder awarded \$8,000 to 48 schools that were nominated for the high quality of educational programs designed to help children learn about the natural world. 21 schools received certificates of honor.

"Teaching youngsters about the environment is one of the best investments we can make in the future of environmental protection," said Herzfelder. "Educators are key to this effort to improve the understanding of our ecosystems and promote environmentally conscious lifestyles."

Seven communities took home first place honors, including Boston, Hudson, Mattapoisett (2 schools) Newton, Salem and Tyngsboro (list attached). Held in concert with this month's Earth Day festivities, today's awards were made possible by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Environmental Trust.

For further information about the Environmental Education Award winners, contact Meg Colclough at 617-626-1110.

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## **\$100.00 Winners**

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### **Ashland**

**School:** David Mindess School  
**Nominee:** Kiera Smith and Sarah London  
**Program:** David Mindess School Recycling Program

### **Attleboro**

**School:** Brennan Middle School  
**Nominee:** Maureen Perkosi  
**Program:** The Scientist

### **Barre**

**School:** Quabbin Regional School District  
**Nominee:** QRSD Environmental Management System  
**Program:** Environmental Management System

### **Bellingham**

**School:** Stall Brook Elementary School  
**Nominee:** Lori Jean Fafard  
**Program:** Outdoor Exploratory Learning

### **Bolton**

**School:** Nashoba Regional School  
**Nominee:** Brian Cote  
**Program:** Recycling Club

### **Brockton**

**School:** Huntington School  
**Nominee:** Huntington School Peer Leaders  
**Program:** Huntington School Peer Leaders

### **Canton**

**School:** Blue Hills Reg. Voc. Tech. High School  
**Nominee:** National Honor Society  
**Program:** Volunteer Recycling Program

### **Charlton**

**School:** Bay Path Reg. Voc. Tech. High School  
**Nominee:** Mr. Jeremy Guay  
**Program:** Auto Body Shop Class

### **Dracut**

**School:** Englesby Intermediate School  
**Nominee:** Recycling Team  
**Program:** Recycling and Community Education Team

### **Framingham**

**School:** Framingham Community Charter School  
**Nominee:** Sally Kent and FCCS Science Department  
**Program:** Middle School Science Curriculum

### **Lexington**

**School:** Estabrook School  
**Nominee:** Beverly Morrison  
**Program:** Big Backyard Program

### **Milford**

**School:** Memorial Elementary School  
**Nominee:** Memorial Elementary School  
**Program:** Composting Program

### **Millbury**

**School:** Millbury Jr. Sr. High School  
**Nominee:** Environmental Council Group  
**Program:** Environmental Council Group

### **Montague**

**School:** Montague Center School  
**Nominee:** Sawmill River Project  
**Program:** Sawmill River Project

### **Needham**

**School:** Pollard Middle School  
**Nominee:** Pollard Garden Club  
**Program:** Pollard Garden Club

### **North Attleboro**

**School:** North Attleborough High School  
**Nominee:** North Attleboro Paper Recycling Program  
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### **Palmer**

**School:** Converse Middle School  
**Nominee:** 7th Grade Quabbin Studies  
**Program:** Science Curriculum

**School:** Pathfinder Voc. Tech. High School  
**Nominee:** Sharon Yeoh McDonald  
**Program:** Environmental Science Course

### **Pepperell**

**School:** Nissitissit Middle School  
**Nominee:** Nissitissit Middle School  
**Program:** Pepperell Ecology and Environmental Science Classes

### **Pittsfield**

**School:** Silvio O. Conte School  
**Nominee:** Conte Earth Stewards  
**Program:** Conte Earth Stewards

### **Spencer**

**School:** David Prouty High School  
**Nominee:** Envirothon Team  
**Program:** David Prouty High School Envirothon Team

### **Walpole**

**School:** Norfolk County Agricultural School  
**Nominee:** Dan Arguimbau  
**Program:** Save a Tree Paper Recycling Program

### **West Bridgewater**

**School:** Rose L. MacDonald School  
**Nominee:** Julie Amaral Heath  
**Program:** Recycle and Earth Children Program

### **Westborough**

**School:** Mill Pond Intermediate School  
**Nominee:** Mill Pond Outdoor Classroom Project  
**Program:** Outdoor Classroom Project

### **Westfield**

**School:** Westfield South Middle School  
**Nominee:** Westfield South Middle School  
**Program:** Atlantic Salmon Egg Rearing Program

### **Westford**

**School:** Col. John Robinson School  
**Nominee:** Col. John Robinson School  
**Program:** Greenhouse Project

### **Wilmington**

**School:** North Intermediate School and West Intermediate School  
**Nominee:** Wilmington 5th Grade  
**Program:** Outdoor L\*I\*F\*E (Learning is Fun & Educational)

### **Worcester**

**School:** Burncoat Middle School  
**Nominee:** The Turtle Cluster  
**Program:** Earthday Bag & Waste Reduction Project

**School:** University Park Campus School  
**Nominee:** Leah Ruth Penniman  
**Program:** Balfour Biodome

## **\$200.00 Winners**

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### **Bedford**

**School:** Lt. Eleazar Davis Elementary School  
**Nominee:** Lt. Eleazar Davis Elementary School  
**Program:** Wetlands Environment Technology Team

### **Eastham**

**School:** Eastham Elementary School  
**Nominee:** Linda Burt  
**Program:** Bird Enhancement Project

### **Framingham**

**School:** Charlotte A. Dunning School  
**Nominee:** Carol Berlin  
**Program:** Is it a Vernal Pool?

### **Holden**

**School:** Mountview Middle School  
**Nominee:** Dawson Nature Trail  
**Program:** Dawson Nature Trail

### **Hopkinton**

**School:** Hopkinton Elementary School  
**Nominee:** H.O.P.E. ( Help Our Precious Earth)  
**Program:** Help Our Precious Earth

### **Needham**

**School:** William Mitchell School  
**Nominee:** Girl Scout Troop 3344  
**Program:** Mitchell Tree Trails

**School:** Neddham High School  
**Nominee:** Nat Woodruff  
**Program:** Environmental Science Couse

### **Newburyport**

**School:** Kelley School  
**Nominee:** Kelley Schoolyard Habitat  
**Program:** Schoolyard Habitat

### **Newtonville**

**School:** Newton North High School  
**Nominee:** Deborah Jose  
**Program:** Urban Ecology

### **Stoughton**

**School:** Stoughton High School

**Nominee:** Kevin E. Love (student)  
**Program:** Stoughton High School Recycling Club

### **West Boylston**

**School:** West Boylston Jr/Sr. High School  
**Nominee:** Bruce Palmer  
**Program:** Biodiversity Program

### **West Springfield**

**School:** West Springfield High School  
**Nominee:** Conservation Club  
**Program:** Conservation Club

## **300.00 Winners**

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### **Boston**

**School:** Edward Everett Elementary School  
**Nominee:** Friends of the Edward Everett Schoolyard  
**Program:** Friends of the Edward Everett Schoolyard

### **Hudson**

**School:** John F. Kennedy School  
**Nominee:** Peggy Temple  
**Program:** Camp JFK

### **Mattapoisett**

**School:** Old Rochester Reg. High School  
**Nominee:** Green Team /Jan Baker ,Therese Valente,Steve Kocur,Jason White  
**Program:** EIC River Study

**School:** Old Rochester Reg. Junior High School  
**Nominee:** Old Rochester Regional Junior High School EIC Team  
**Program:** Environment as an Integrating Concept Team

### **Newton**

**School:** FA Day Middle School  
**Nominee:** Environmental Club  
**Program:** Environmental Club and Cafeteria Recycling Program

### **Salem**

**School:** Carlton Marine and Environmental Science Magnet School  
**Nominee:** Carlton Marine and Environmental Science Magnet School  
**Program:** Marine Science and Aquaculture Curriculum

### **Tyngsboro**

**School:** Greater Lowell Reg. Voc. Tech. High School  
**Nominee:** Deborah Gustafson  
**Program:** Renewable Energy Curriculum

## Certificate of Honor

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### **Amherst**

**Nominee:** Hitchcock Center  
**Program:** Water Conservation Program

**Nominee:** Jennifer Wiest  
**Program:** Monarch Larval Monitoring Program

### **Barre**

**Nominee:** Dr. Joseph Stenger  
**Program:** East Quabbin Alliance-EQUAL

### **E. Freetown**

**Nominee:** Reverend Curtis Dias  
**Program:** Concerned Citizens of Freetown

### **Everett**

**Nominee:** John Ricci  
**Program:** The Coalition to Save Glendale Park, Inc.

### **Fall River**

**Nominee:** Samantha Ferreira  
**Program:** Science Fair Club

### **Falmouth**

**School:** Falmouth Academy  
**Nominee:** Falmouth Academy  
**Program:** Falmouth Academy Recycles for the Environment (FARE)

### **Framingham**

**Nominee:** Carol Hildreth  
**Program:** Conversations with the Earth

### **Greenfield**

**Nominee:** Donna M. Cycz  
**Program:** Our Side of the Mountain

### **Groton**

**Nominee:** Mary Marro  
**Program:** Nashua River Watershed Association River Resources

**Nominee:** Mary Marro and Stacey Chilcoat  
**Program:** Scientist-in-Residence/River Classroom Program

### **Lakeville**

**Nominee:** Nancy Yeatts- Long Pond Association  
**Program:** Invasive Weed Awareness Program

### **Littleton**

**Nominee:** Pam Landry  
**Program:** Massachusetts Envirothon

**School:** Littleton Middle School  
**Nominee:** 6th Grade Team  
**Program:** 6th Grade Bird Project

### **New Bedford**

**School:** Greater New Bedford Vocational High School  
**Nominee:** Ms. Roseanne Franco  
**Program:** Student Awareness Series on Environmental Issues

**School:** Hands Across the River  
**Nominee:** James Simmons  
**Program:** Environmental Awareness Outreach Efforts

**Nominee:** Mark Ramussen- Coalition for Buzzard  
**Program:** April 27th, 2003 Oil Spill Effort

### **Taunton**

**School:** Taunton High School  
**Nominee:** Richard P. Davenport  
**Program:** Air Force Junior ROTC

### **Worcester**

**Nominee:** James E. Malo  
**Program:** Massachusetts Hunter Education Program

**Nominee:** Christine Cook  
**Program:** What's in your Neighborhood Curriculum

**Nominee:** Dismas House--Goddard School of Science and Technology  
**Program:** Richards Street Community Garden

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